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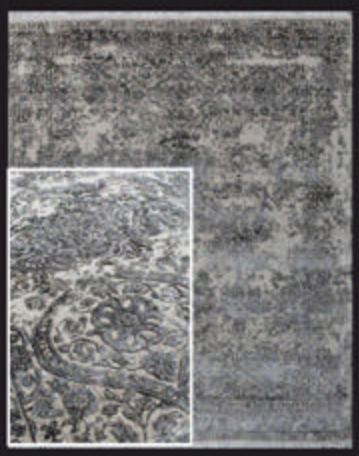

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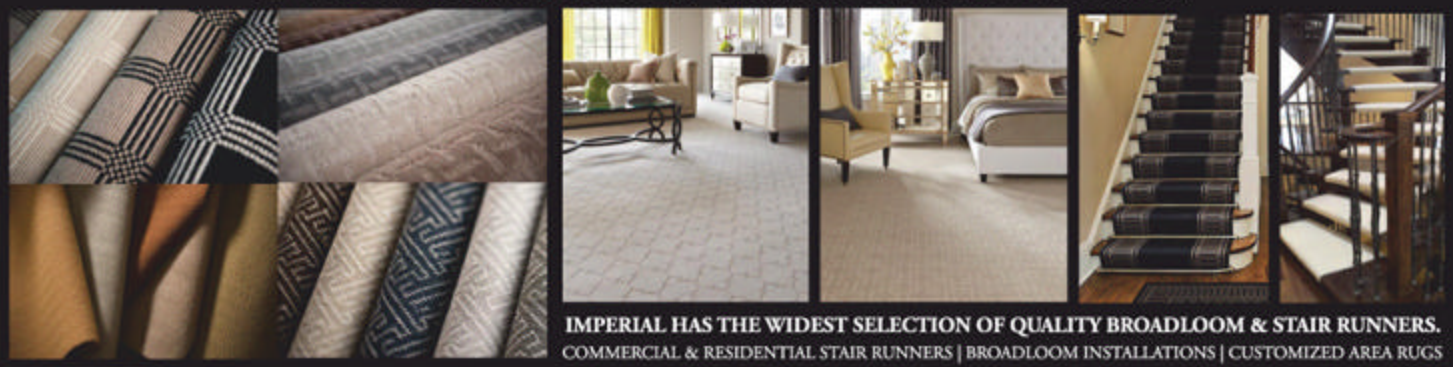

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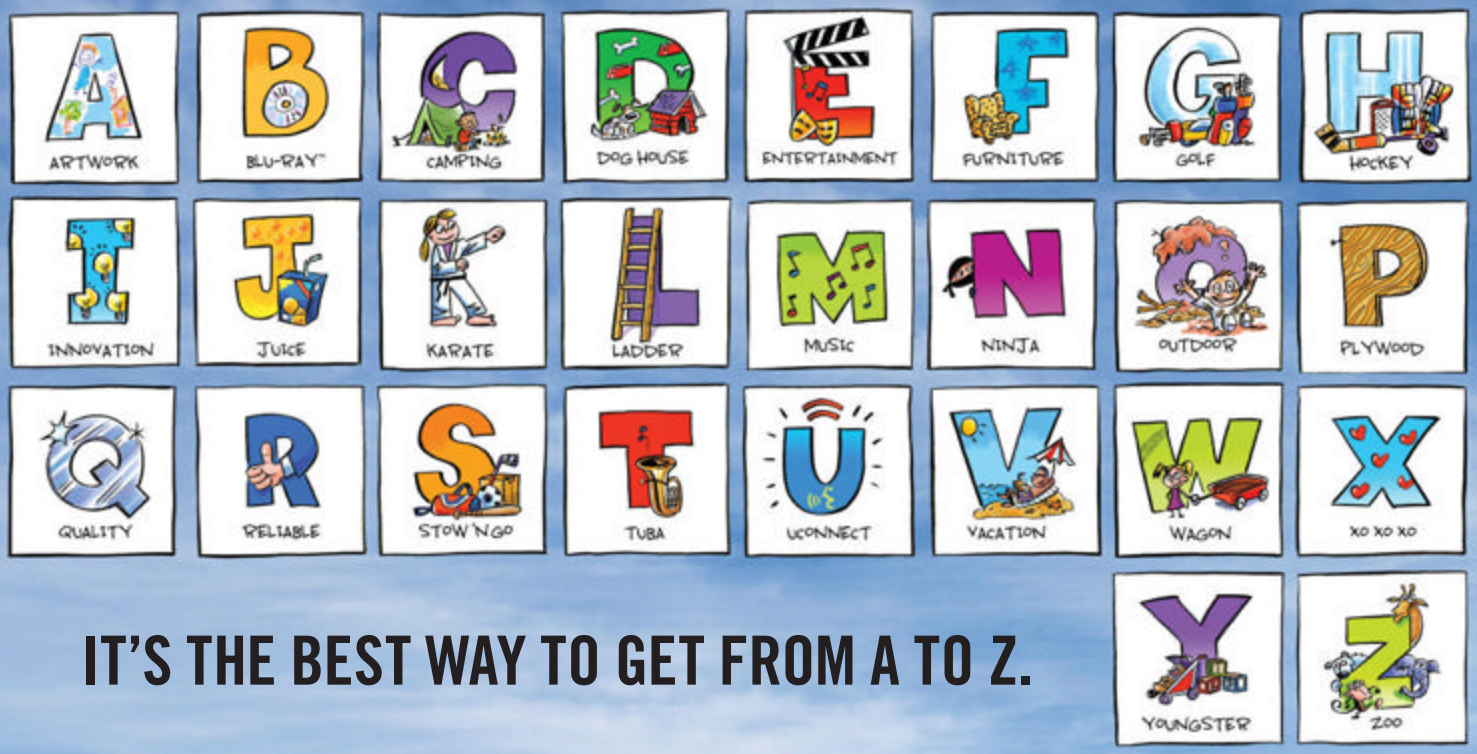

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Decorating specifically for the warmer months has an appeal all its own. Here at the *Style at Home* office, the summer issues are invariably our favourite ones to put together, bringing with them images of bright, colourful accents, layers of light fabrics and linens, rooms flooded with sunshine and breezy outdoor spaces just made for impromptu picnics and barbecues. (It's especially true because we begin to assemble these books in the dead of winter, when we can't *wait* for summer!)

For this issue, we're concentrating on the ABCs of summer decorating. That translates to a whole lot of products and ideas so you can get the easy, relaxed style of the interiors we're featuring. From tropical-inspired floor cushions to a beaded pendant light to a graphic black and white director's chair, it's all here. Plus, there's an alphabetized primer on all the summer decorating essentials, whether it's vintage artwork or a DIY spray-paint job. Check it out on page 61.

My own warm-weather decor manifesto is as simple as the following:

E FOR ENTERTAINING: Plan loads of get-togethers that make the most of this time of year, when guests can flow from inside (think: the inevitable kitchen party) to out (sunset on the patio).

R FOR RELAXED: Don't get hung up on the details. Good company, drinks in hand, bare feet and dogs by your side are all you need.

I FOR INDULGE: Spoil yourself with a stylish new lamp, quilted coverlet, vintage vase or even a delectable dessert (try our Mixed Berry Cobbler on page 34).

N FOR NO RULES: Remember that style is personal and fluid. The ABCs of decorating are not meant to enforce style rules. They're about inspiring you to do what you love and create a space that works for you.

Erin

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ART + STYLE

Each of designer Jana Bek's lamps is individually hand-painted. I love how the dynamic brush strokes will work with any style. Better still, Jana can customize them in any colour.

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JOAN YOUNG, VIA EMAIL

NORTHERN **STARS**

Congratulations on your May 2015 issue. While flipping through the magazine, I quickly realized that every house featured is from the Great White North. What a delight! I'm tired of reading Canadian publications that showcase homes in the United States and other vacation destinations. I want to see more designs that are relevant to my surroundings and lifestyle.

GERRI MUNSON, VIA EMAIL

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After living in a mid-century post-and-beam house with vintage furniture for 37 years, I recently moved to a contemporary rancher. Since my new home is half the size of the previous one and is a totally different style, I now face the fun task of buying new furniture and accessories and blending in some of my older pieces. Your magazine is an inspiration and has given me many ideas. Thank you!

HEATHER LAVENDER, VIA EMAIL

SPRING **FORWARD**

After a lengthy Ontario winter, what a relief it was to find *Style at Home* in our snow-covered mailbox. I don't always read magazines cover to cover, but I lingered over the April 2015 issue. While perusing the pages, I spotted the photo of editor-in-chief Erin McLaughlin wearing a jean jacket and that lovely lavender scarf (page 12), and my mind immediately jumped to thoughts of spring. Thank you for making me smile and for the reminder that gorgeous warmer days are soon to come.

JENNIFER EASTMAN, VIA EMAIL

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WHO

Ann Marie Favot
Senior style editor

SIGNATURE STYLE

Elegant tone-on-tone neutrals and pretty details rule Ann Marie's home, as exemplified in her master bedroom.

FAVOURITE FIND

"I immediately gravitated toward this Canvas Home table lamp. Its classic shape, glossy finish and tall shade would be at home on my nightstand."

Seagate medium hand-glazed stoneware **TABLE LAMP** in Grey, $138 US, Canvas Home, canvashomestore.com.

WHO

Stacy Begg
Design editor

SIGNATURE STYLE

Like the rest of her house, Stacy's kitchen is sleek and edgy. A touch of rustic wood tempers the bold black and brass.

FAVOURITE FIND

"I love these versatile sculptural ladders by Lostine. I can picture one leaning on my wall with graphic tea towels hanging from it."

Lostine handmade white oak Bloak **LADDERS** with oxidized bottoms, from $450 US each, Minam, minam.com.

WHO

Morgan Lindsay
Associate design editor

SIGNATURE STYLE

Morgan is confident and fun, and her place reflects that. Colourful toss cushions and art pop in her living room.

FAVOURITE FIND

"Aquarelle Maison's watery prints make me want to throw some blue into the toss cushion mix on my sofa!"

Silk-fronted Luck and Tranquility **TOSS CUSHIONS,** from $160 US each, Aquarelle Maison, aquarelle-maison.com.

PHOTOGRAPHY, EVAAN KHERAJ (PORTRAITS), STACEY VAN BERKEL (BEDROOM), STACEY BRANDFORD (KITCHEN), VIRGINIA MACDONALD (LIVING ROOM)

CANADIAN FURNITURE SHOW

Looking for a design resource closer to home? For the first time in 20 years, the 2015 Canadian Furniture Show (held in Mississauga, Ont.) will be open to the public on June 7.

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inspiration
This printed shift dress from ELLE by RW&CO. is the perfect iteration of this summer trend.

PRODUCER AMANDA ETTY

black & white graphic prints

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This design was originally created in 1963 but still feels fresh decades later.

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1 Mutina Azulej porcelain stoneware Combination Nero **TILES** in assorted patterns, $14 per sq. ft., Stone Tile International, stone-tile.com.

2 Graphic Flowers **LUMBAR CUSHION,** $50, Indigo, indigo.ca.

3 BEACH UMBRELLA in Black & White, $107, West Elm, westelm.com.

4 DIRECTOR'S CHAIR in Black & White, $179, West Elm, westelm.com.

5 Schumacher Queen of Spain **WALLPAPER** in Black, $214 per yard, through designers, Bilbrough & Co., bilbroughs.com.

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HOW TO

maintain barbecue grates

Everything you need to know about keeping your barbecue grates in tip-top shape.

PRODUCER MARY LEVITSKI

Any grill master will tell you that a great char-broiled meal is only as good as the barbecue used to make it. Churning out consistently delicious eats is largely dependent on keeping a clean cooking surface, so attend to dirty grates after every use. Once you've removed the cooked food, shut the lid and bring the temperature up to high. Leave on for 10 to 20 minutes. (If you have a gas barbecue, turn off the gas at this point.) Don long protective gloves and, while the grill is still hot, scrub all food residue off using a metal-bristled brush.

yearly

DEEP CLEANSE

At least once a year, grates need a thorough scrubbing using hot, soapy water. If they're especially soiled, loosen dirt by wrapping them in wet newsprint and covering in plastic; leave overnight before washing with soapy water. Be sure to rinse all the soap off, as it can negatively affect the taste of your food.

PREHEAT YOUR BARBECUE PROPERLY.

Not only will it impact the flavour (think of those all-too-important grill marks!), but it will also help food slide off the grates more easily.

DO

Give grates a rubdown with a bit of grape seed or safflower oil before each use to prevent food from sticking.

DON'T

Apply too much oil or use any oil that can't handle high heat, such as olive.

Grate Expectations

THE LOWDOWN ON THE THREE MOST COMMON GRATE TYPES.

Porcelain-coated: Most common and easy to use; the coated surface can break, inviting rust.

Stainless steel: Rust resistant, resilient and lightweight; often a pricey option.

Cast iron: Retains heat well, encouraging an even sear; high maintenance.

DID YOU KNOW

If you don't have a grill brush handy, a ball of aluminum foil can do the trick.

PHOTOGRAPHY: ANGUS MCRITCHIE (DECK), ISTOCKPHOTO (ALUMINUM FOIL BALL)

HANDY HELPERS

Use a brass-bristled brush on standard porcelain-coated grates. Here are our top selections.

PATRIOT'S PICK
This Canadian design boasts a metal scraper for stubborn stuck-on food.

Napoleon **GRILL BRUSH** with wood handle, $8, bbqsandgrills.ca.

NITTY GRITTY
Unique tapered shape works the top and sides of grill bars at the same time.

GRILL BRUSH with plastic handle, $16, Lee Valley Tools, leevalley.com.

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PRODUCER AMANDA ETTY

kitchen cravings

Each issue, we round up the latest and greatest kitchen gadgets, gourmet products, cookbooks and more.

1 GRILLING OUT

Barbecue on a small condo balcony or at the park with Weber's portable gas grill. The large-capacity porcelain-enamelled cast-iron cooktop means you can feed a party, and with seven colourful exterior options, it's dressed for the occasion, too.

Q 1200 portable **GAS GRILLS** in Blue and Black, $270 each, Weber, weber.com.

2 ZEST FOR LIFE

Nothing beats cracking into a frosty beer in the heat of summer. Try Rickard's new radler, a light lager with a delightful citrusy sweetness that's a perfect match to your favourite barbecued foods.

Grapefruit Radler **BEER,** $3 per 475 ml, Rickard's, rickards.ca.

editor's pick

FREEZE GAME

Playful ice pop moulds in fun character shapes make entertaining kids a breeze. Just pour, freeze and serve. The sticks are equipped with drip guards to keep little hands clean(er).

Zoku Character **POP MOULDS,** $10 each, Williams-Sonoma, williams-sonoma.com.

3 NEW BREW

This coffee-infused syrup is our new favourite for making iced java and grown-up ice cream sundaes. We found it at Vancouver's Old Faithful Shop, which just opened its first Toronto location, but you can also peruse its kitchenwares and artisanal gourmet products online.

Dave's Coffee All Natural **COFFEE SYRUP** in Original, $16, Old Faithful Shop, oldfaithfulshop.com.

4 MARK MY WORD

How do you take your ice-cold bevvies – spiked, sweet, iced or lemony? Provide your guests with plenty of thirst-quenching options, and use these clever tags to organize the drinks station at your next weekend fete.

Wooden **DRINK TAGS,** $20 per set of 6, Indigo, indigo.ca.

summer-fresh FRUIT POPS

Combine 2 cups fresh fruit (such as strawberries, watermelon or mango) with 1½ cups coconut water in a blender and purée until smooth. Pour the mixture into the pop moulds, insert the sticks and freeze until firm (at least six hours).

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mixed berry cobbler

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INGREDIENTS

SERVES 4

- 4 cups fresh mixed berries, washed and hulled
- ½ cup granulated sugar, divided
- 2 tsp good-quality balsamic vinegar
- 2 tsp cornstarch
- ½ cup all-purpose flour
- ½ tsp baking powder
- ¼ tsp kosher salt
- 2 tbsp unsalted butter, cubed
- ¼ cup buttermilk
- Fresh mint leaves, for garnish
- Vanilla ice cream, for serving

DIRECTIONS

Preheat the oven to 375°F. In a large bowl, combine the berries, ¼ cup sugar, balsamic vinegar and cornstarch. Divide the mixture evenly among four 1-cup ovenproof baking dishes (we used individual cast-iron frying pans).

Whisk together the flour, remaining sugar, baking powder and salt in a medium bowl. Using your fingers, work the butter into the flour mixture to form a coarse meal. Add the buttermilk, stirring until the mixture forms a thick batter. Drop small spoonfuls of the batter onto the berries in the baking dishes. Place the dishes on a parchment paper-lined rimmed baking sheet and bake for 25 to 30 minutes, until the topping is golden brown and the filling is bubbly around the edges. Garnish with the mint leaves and serve warm with the ice cream.

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- Bake for 8–10 minutes until golden brown

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PROBLEM
A dark, outdated condo kitchen

SOLUTION
Hire a pro to create a functional contemporary space

FLOOR PLAN
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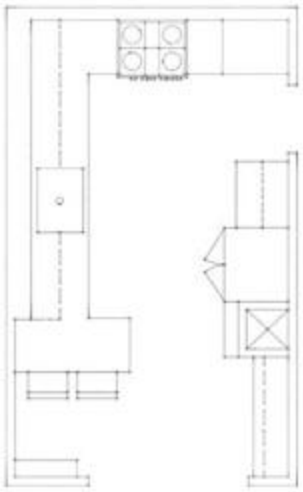

kitchen *haven*

A cramped, unwelcoming 1980s condo kitchen undergoes a major makeover to suit its discerning octogenarian owner.

TEXT LESLEY YOUNG | **PHOTOGRAPHY** DONNA GRIFFITH | **STYLING** MORGAN LINDSAY

ABOVE The breakfast bar was lowered to the same height as the counter for ease of use and a level sightline. "I didn't want to add furniture, so a breakfast bar with stools was just right for enjoying a cup of coffee," says homeowner Sheila Siegerman. Initial plans included a second vaulted ceiling, but existing ductwork kiboshed the idea.

DESIGN, BedfordBrooks Design, bedfordbrooks.com; **STOOLS,** Nirvana Home Collection; **APPLIANCES,** Tasco; **SINK, FAUCET,** Taps Bath Centre; **RUG,** Indaba; **LIGHT FIXTURE,** Union Lighting and Furnishings; tall **PEPPER MILL,** Hudson's Bay.

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When retired theatrical set designer Sheila Siegerman stopped driving, she went shopping for a condo in downtown Toronto within walking distance of amenities. The downside of the spacious unit she picked was its cramped, windowless kitchen. A renovation was in order, and she knew full well what to expect, having experienced a few over the years. "Of course, one of the dangers of starting a renovation are the words, 'while we're at it...'" she jokes. Not that Sheila has regrets: In fact, she was involved at every stage of the project, and even hit up some stores with her designer, Peter Brooks.

The planning process

When Sheila was introduced to Peter by her real estate agent, she told him exactly what she wanted: a bright and functional kitchen. Peter drew up a few layouts before Sheila decided on one that featured lots of cabinetry, a small breakfast bar and a coffee nook to house her luncheon dishes and cookbooks. "Eliminating cabinets over the cooktop really opened up the space," explains Peter, adding that having narrow drawer columns on either side of it creates a strong focal point that also widens the space.

The design decisions

Sheila desired a clean, contemporary look, so Peter used sleek recessed cabinetry and kept things bright with a warm palette of creams and browns. For added function, he lowered the upper cabinets by two inches to accommodate the reach of the diminutive homeowner and installed pullout trays in all the bottom cabinets, so Sheila wouldn't have to root around on her knees. The stunning porcelain floor tiles create lots of movement for the eye, while quartz countertops offer plenty of stain-free prep space. "A big challenge was finding a backsplash that didn't fight with the floor," says the designer, who eventually got the right look in a Calacatta marble with touches of cocoa.

The end result

"I'm really happy," says Sheila, adding that the breakfast bar is "quite a nice place to sit and enjoy a coffee."

ABOVE "I originally wanted a small desk area, but there just wasn't any room," says Sheila, who ended up being delighted with the coffee nook.

Custom **CABINETRY,** Lucvaa Kitchens; **COUNTERTOPS,** Caesarstone Canada; **BACKSPLASH TILES,** Moscone Tile and Marble; **FLOOR TILES,** Ceragres; **CABINETRY HARDWARE,** Restoration Hardware; **COFFEE MACHINE** with milk frother, Hudson's Bay; **MUGS,** large **CUTTING BOARD** with handle (shown at left), Crate and Barrel.

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ABOVE A tall, shallow pantry directly behind the breakfast bar houses canned goods. The Calacatta marble backsplash with hints of cocoa complements the quartz countertops and highly striated porcelain-tiled floor. The painting by Canadian artist Graham Noble Norwell adds some colour.

RIGHT Pullout shelves were a must for this mature homeowner. Traditional cabinetry hardware contrasts elegantly with the modern cabinets.

FOR SOURCES, SEE OUR WORKBOOK

BUDGET *breakdown*

Here's what it'll cost you to get the look of this kitchen.

DESIGN

$9,700

Includes project coordination fees

CONSTRUCTION

$22,500

Includes demolition and installation of electrical, plumbing, millwork, lighting, countertops and backsplash and floor tiles

MATERIALS

$44,700

Includes custom cabinetry, countertops, backsplash and floor tiles, appliances, sink, faucet, light fixtures and cabinetry hardware

TOTAL COST

$76,900

2015 floor trends

Flair Collection
Maple Heavy Character
Snowdrift

A great floor is the foundation for a great room, but it can be tough to decide what wood to use and what colour and pattern works best in your space. Boa-Franc/Mirage Floors communications director Amélie Lessard talks to us about what's new for 2015.

"There's a trend toward wide planks, earth tones, bleached wood and ultra matte finishes."

Flair Collection
White Oak Plainsawn
Light Character
Dark Leaf

WHAT ARE CUSTOMERS LOOKING FOR THIS SEASON?
We're seeing more and more wood floors with texture, character marks and colour variations. There's also a trend toward wide planks, earth tones, bleached wood and ultra matte finishes.

WHAT'S THE FIRST THING TO DO BEFORE CHOOSING A FLOOR?
You have to take your own particular lifestyle into account so you need to think about your floor's daily wear and tear. For example, grainy woods with natural colour variations are great for camouflaging marks, while some other woods with fine and even textures may show more scratches. Talk to a wood flooring specialist before committing to a floor.

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india hicks

A closer look at India's island style, from entertaining to tablescaping and much more!

PRODUCER SARA CATION

A STORIED LIFE

India Hicks has an incredible background. Her maternal grandfather was Queen Victoria's great-grandson and an English lord who served as the last viceroy of India; her mother attended prayer meetings with Mahatma Gandhi; and her father was one of the most celebrated interior decorators in history. India herself used to jet around the world as a model for Ralph Lauren and now lives in a small Bahamian paradise as a TV personality, author, hotel owner and product designer – not to mention a mother of five. But how does she capture this storied life in her own home? On photo walls and in curated collections shown throughout her whole house. And what's not on display is in scrapbooks. "I have a huge library of leather-bound scrapbooks filled with ticket stubs, love letters, notes from my kids, photographs of Christmases gone by, invitations from parties and threads of colour that have inspired me. I love the depth and feel of a scrapbook – it's like the fabric of life," she says.

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DAUGHTER OF AN ICON

It's little wonder that India, daughter of the inimitable David Hicks, has an eye for style. But while Father was celebrated for his bold use of contrasting colours and geometric prints and Daughter is drawn to a more easygoing island style, it's their dedication to personalizing a home that connects them. "My father was very daring and did things before anyone else did. He was very decisive and stood behind his beliefs, but he was also excellent at ensuring a client's personality came through. He made houses into homes," says India. "And I like to think my family's personality is stamped all over our spaces." One look at the black and white family photo wall in her dining room (shown at right) and we'd have to agree, even though, as India says in her new book, *Island Living*, her father used to say that hanging photos is "terribly common."

A FATHER'S WISDOM

"*Tablescape.* My father invented this term, or so he claimed.... No matter whether he did or did not, he was the master of it," says India in her new book. And she learned from the master: "You can create a tablescape from almost anything," she tells us, "when you group together a collection of similar-coloured objects."

A ROYAL LEGACY

INDIA, GODDAUGHTER OF PRINCE CHARLES, WAS A BRIDESMAID IN HIS WEDDING TO DIANA SPENCER.

"One of my most treasured items at home is a rose from Princess Diana's wedding bouquet that's in a glass paperweight."

INDIA'S INSTAGRAM

1 Products from India's latest venture: a collection that people with an entrepreneurial spirit can sell from their very own homes. **2** Already at work on designs for 2016.

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THE LOOK OF THE TROPICS

As a resident of tiny Harbour Island in the Bahamas, which is known for its pink sand beaches and pastel-painted houses, India is an expert on tropical style. How can we make the look work off the island? Start with the bedroom. "White mosquito netting around the bed, ceiling fans, large vases of palm fronds and dark-stained mahogany floors pretty much set the scene," she says.

INDIA'S INSTAGRAM

From her office window, India snapped a photo of Samson, one of the two family dogs, lounging in the sun.

HOTEL CHIC

TROPICAL SYLE ABOUNDS IN THE GUEST HOUSE, ONE OF THREE VACATION HOMES FOR RENT AT HIBISCUS HILL (INDIA'S HARBOUR ISLAND ESTATE). EACH ONE WAS BUILT OR RESTORED BY INDIA AND HER PARTNER, DAVID FLINT WOOD.

Island Style by India Hicks (Rizzoli New York, $45)

ISLAND ENTERTAINING

"I love to put a dinner table in an unexpected place like at the top of a hill overlooking the town or on a terrace underneath the night sky. And when it comes to theme parties for kids, I'm obsessed. The best was a food fight on the beach with canned whipped cream, cooked spaghetti and jelly – even the adults joined in. We all lined up, counted to three and attacked! Then everyone washed off in the ocean afterward – it was quite a success!" says India.

INDIA'S INSTAGRAM

India demonstrates her eye for beautiful table settings like this one adorned with seashells.

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HIGH & LOW Floating **SHELVES,** IKEA, ikea.ca; **POT** (on top shelf), Green Light District, greenlightshop.ca; gold **OBJET,** Black Rooster Decor, blackroosterdecor.com; stone **BUST,** Cornerstone Home Interiors, cornerstonefurniture.ca; pink **VASE,** flecked turquoise **VASE,** CB2, cb2.ca; tall turquoise **VASE,** HomeSense, homesense.ca; mosaic floral **TOSS CUSHION,** West Elm, westelm.com; **BOWL,** Hollace Cluny, hollacecluny.ca.

$1,000

1 Painted steel Little Flag **FLOOR LAMP** in Black, Suite 22 Interiors, suite22.ca.

$65

2 TW Ceramics medium handmade earthenware **POT** in White, Green Light District, greenlightshop.ca.

$50

3 TW Ceramics short handmade earthenware **POT,** Green Light District, greenlightshop.ca.

$295

4 Spisani acrylic Scottish Terriers **BOOKENDS,** $295 per pair, Elte, elte.com.

$295

5 Linen blend down-filled Melinda **TOSS CUSHION,** Boo Boo & Lefty, boobooandlefty.com.

$75

6 TW Ceramics medium handmade earthenware Path **POT** in White, Green Light District, greenlightshop.ca.

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7 Lafco hand-blown glass soy blend Powder Room **CANDLE** in Duchess Peony, 16 oz, Boo Boo & Lefty, boobooandlefty.com.

$949

8 Elysee marble-topped polished steel **COFFEE TABLE,** Shelter, shelter.ca.

$2,949

9 Opulence Collection hand-knotted bamboo silk **RUG,** 8′ x 10′, Imperial Carpet and Home, carpetandhome.com.

$5,755

10 Randall **SOFA** with organic linen Farrow fabric in Silver, Elte, elte.com.

$195

11 Down-filled linen **TOSS CUSHION** in Deerfield Coral, Boo Boo & Lefty, boobooandlefty.com.

$75

12 Hand-stitched wool **TOSS CUSHION** with polyfill insert, Green Light District, greenlightshop.ca.

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$250

1 Powder-coated steel Eetu **FLOOR LAMP,** EQ3, eq3.com.

$4

2 Powder-coated earthenware Papaja **POT** in White, IKEA, ikea.ca.

$24

3 Ceramic Hand Stamped **POT** in Thin Stripe, West Elm, westelm.com.

$100

4 Resin Golden Dog **BOOKENDS** with glass bases, $50 each, Zara Home, zarahome.com.

$40

5 Cotton **TOSS CUSHION** with feather insert, per pair, HomeSense, homesense.ca.

$5

6 Earthenware Kardemumma **POT,** IKEA, ikea.ca.

$18

7 Glass soy blend **CANDLE** in Pure Peony Blush, 8 oz, Indigo, indigo.ca.

$379

8 Round marble-topped chrome-plated steel Smart **COFFEE TABLE,** CB2, cb2.ca.

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9 Legend Collection hand-tufted wool blend **RUG,** 8′ x 11′, Imperial Carpet and Home, carpetandhome.com.

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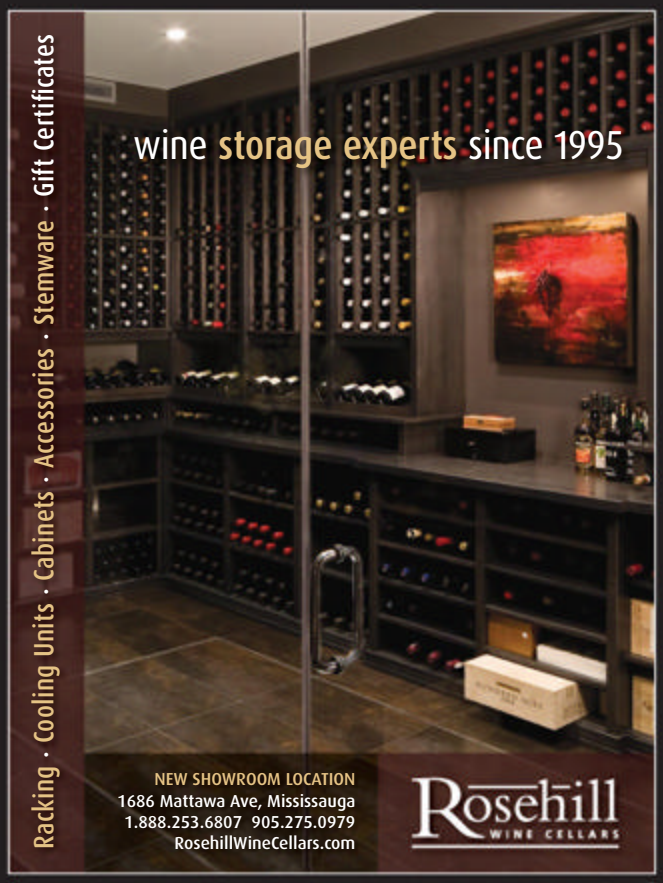

With sweltering temperatures hot on our heels, it's time to decorate our homes for summer. Getting a look you'll love is as easy as A, B, C with these 26 decorating tips – one for every letter of the alphabet (yes, even X).

ABCs of summer decorating

A

ARTWORK

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B

BEACHY DECOR

TAKE YOUR DECORATING CUES FROM SAND, SURF AND SKY WITH BEACH-INSPIRED ACCENTS. THINK SEASHELLS, SEA GLASS, STONES AND PIECES OF DRIFTWOOD, OR A PALETTE OF WATERY BLUE, SANDY TAUPE AND SUNSET CORAL.

C

CURTAINS

DEFINE YOUR OUTDOOR SPACE BY HANGING CURTAINS AROUND AN ENCLOSED PORCH OR PATIO. OPT FOR OUTDOOR-SAFE FABRIC TO PREVENT COLOURS FROM FADING AND DAMAGE FROM HARSH WEATHER.

D

DOORS

ENHANCE THE CONNECTION BETWEEN INSIDE AND OUT WITH BEAUTIFUL GLASS DOORS. DO YOUR RESEARCH – THERE ARE PLENTY OF OPTIONS, INCLUDING BIFOLD, FRENCH AND SLIDING, TO SUIT YOUR HOME'S STYLE AND BUDGET.

E

ENTERTAINING

MAKE THE MOST OF THE WARM WEATHER AND HOST A BACKYARD PARTY. WHAT BETTER WAY TO LIVEN UP YOUR SPACE THAN WITH BLUE SKIES, GOOD FRIENDS, DELICIOUS FOOD AND REFRESHING COCKTAILS?

F

FLOWERS

REFRESH YOUR ROOMS WITH BLOOMS, WHETHER YOU SNIP THEM FROM YOUR OWN GARDEN OR BUY THEM AT A LOCAL FLORIST. FIND OUT WHAT FLOWERS ARE CURRENTLY IN SEASON WHERE YOU LIVE TO GET THE BEST DEALS.

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GEOMETRIC PATTERNS

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H

HOUSEPLANTS

TAKE YOUR HOUSEPLANTS OUTSIDE DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS. THEY'LL SOAK UP THE EXTRA SUNSHINE AND TROPICAL-LIKE TEMPERATURES. (BE SURE TO CHECK FOR BUGS BEFORE BRINGING THEM BACK IN FOR THE WINTER.)

J

JAMS

INVEST IN A PORTABLE BLUETOOTH SPEAKER FOR BACKYARD PARTIES, COTTAGE WEEKENDS AND PICNICS. UPDATE YOUR PLAYLIST WITH THE LATEST SUMMER TUNES AS WELL AS OLD FAVOURITES.

K

KITCHEN GARDEN

GARDENS NEEDN'T BE ONLY ORNAMENTAL – USE EDIBLE PLANTS FOR VIVID COLOUR, ENTICING FRAGRANCE AND, BEST OF ALL, FRESH FLAVOUR THAT'S RIPE FOR THE PICKING.

L

LACE

DELICATE LACE IS A LIGHT AND PRETTY DETAIL FOR SUMMER DECORATING. ADD A DAINTY, ROMANTIC FLOURISH TO YOUR ROOMS WITH WHITE LACE-TRIMMED TABLECLOTHS, BED SHEETS, PILLOWCASES AND DRAPERY.

I

ILLUMINATION

PULL OPEN THE DRAPES AND LET THE SUN SHINE IN. LOOK FOR CHANDELIERS AND PENDANT LIGHTS THAT SPARKLE IN THE SUNLIGHT EVEN WHEN THEY'RE SWITCHED OFF.

M

MIRRORS

PLACE MIRRORS STRATEGICALLY TO REFLECT THE NATURAL LIGHT POURING IN THROUGH YOUR WINDOWS AND TO MAKE SMALL SPACES FEEL LARGER.

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N

NAUTICAL

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O

ORGANIZING

LESS IS MORE WHEN IT COMES TO SUMMER DECORATING. DO A TOP-TO-BOTTOM CLEAN OF YOUR HOME AND ASSESS WHAT YOU WANT TO KEEP, TOSS OR DONATE.

Q

QUILTS

LIGHTEN THINGS UP IN THE BEDROOM. STOW YOUR HEAVY DUVET AND TOP YOUR FRESHLY MADE BED WITH A LIGHTWEIGHT QUILT OR COVERLET.

P

PASTELS

BRIGHTEN A DINING ROOM WITH PRETTY PASTEL ACCESSORIES. PALE SHERBET-HUED DISHES, TOSS CUSHIONS, VESSELS AND BLOOMS ARE SIMPLE, CHANGEABLE ITEMS TO HELP YOU GET THIS FRESH, FEMININE LOOK.

R

RUGS

KEEP THINGS COOL UNDERFOOT BY CHANGING THE FLOOR COVERINGS IN YOUR HOME. PUT AWAY THE HEAVY WOOL RUGS AND LAY DOWN FLAT-WOVEN COTTON OR SISAL ONES TO GIVE ROOMS A LIGHTER AND AIRIER FEEL.

S

SPRAY PAINT

MAKE OVER A TIME-WORN PIECE OF FURNITURE WITH A COAT OF SPRAY PAINT. WHITE IS FOOLPROOF, BUT IF YOU'RE FEELING GUTSY, USE A BOLD, VIBRANT HUE.

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T

TEXTILES

LAYER LIGHTWEIGHT TEXTILES, SUCH AS COTTON, LINEN AND SILK, FOR AN EASY, BREEZY WAY TO BRING A SUMMERY FEEL TO YOUR ROOMS.

W

WHITE

THERE'S A REASON CLEAN, SIMPLE AND PURE WHITE IS A DESIGNER'S YEAR-ROUND FAVOURITE. PAINT YOUR WALLS IN THIS HUE TO BRIGHTEN EVEN THE DARKEST SPACES.

X

X MARKS THE SPOT

IN THE SUMMERTIME, SHIFT THE FOCUS OF YOUR ROOM AWAY FROM THE FIREPLACE AND TOWARD A WINDOW OR A DOOR WITH A PICTURESQUE VIEW.

Y

YARD SALES

GET AN EARLY START TO YOUR SATURDAYS AND HIT UP ALL THE LOCAL YARD SALES. THERE ARE PLENTY OF UNWANTED PIECES OUT THERE THAT CAN BE TRANSFORMED WITH JUST A SPARK OF CREATIVITY AND A LITTLE ELBOW GREASE.

U

UMBRELLAS

AS MUCH AS WE LOVE THE SUNSHINE, WHEN YOU'RE SPENDING MORE TIME OUTDOORS, HAVING A SHADY REFUGE IS A MUST. PLACE UMBRELLAS WITH UV PROTECTION OVER YOUR DINING AND SITTING AREAS.

V

VESSELS

THINK OUTSIDE THE VASE WHEN IT COMES TO HOUSING GARDEN CLIPPINGS. SHAPELY PITCHERS, PRETTY TEACUPS AND GLASS TUMBLERS OFFER ONE-OF-A-KIND DISPLAYS.

Z

ZEST

TAKE INSPIRATION FROM THE BRILLIANT COLOURS OF CITRUS FRUITS – ZIPPY LEMON YELLOW, GRAPEFRUIT PINK, LIME GREEN – TO ADD SOME ZING TO YOUR HOME.

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TEXT HELEN RACANELLI
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STYLING CHRISTINE HANLON

When it comes to decorating a new home, it's beneficial to have a sister who's an expert. After all, who can help you draw upon memories of family beach vacations better than the very person you shared them with?

Growing up, decorator and stylist Laura Collins would often rearrange the furniture in younger sister Jennifer's bedroom. "My room was always a mess," says Jennifer. "Almost weekly, Laura would come in, switch the furniture around, organize and make it look pretty again." So when it came time to furnish her first bachelorette pad in Toronto, Jennifer didn't hesitate to ask for help from her big sis, who started with a mood board that evoked a sun-drenched Florida beach house. It was a style Jennifer sought not only because it reminds her of frequent family vacations down south, but also because she admires her sister's place (featured in *Style at Home*'s June 2014 issue), which boasts a similar eclectic coastal aesthetic.

Immediately, Laura identified aqua, brass and flamingo pink as key colours for the 500-square-foot space's fresh, fun look. "My sister is my favourite client ever," says Laura. "She trusts me – she knows this is my area of expertise." Indeed, Jennifer purchased almost everything on the mood board within a week of moving in.

To get the project done quickly and conveniently ("I'm not a patient person, so I wanted it to be done right away," admits Jennifer), the sisters shopped smartly. They scoured the nearby Sunday Antique Market at St. Lawrence for vintage finds, even bringing along their mother, who found the perfectly fitting flamingo sugar bowl and creamer that are now atop the brass bar cart. On another outing, they drove to a Craigslist seller on the other side of the city and scooped up the vintage waterfall-style glass coffee table that embodies old Miami glamour. Etsy was the source for various aqua-coloured printed toss cushion covers, while big-box stores were the go-to places for furniture and other accessories.

It's worth noting that the white sofa, which acts as a foil for all the summery aquatic colours, is plush and large. Though the space is small, Laura picked out standard furniture instead of condo-sized options. "Larger pieces make it feel more grand and livable," she says.

But of all the furniture in the space, the brass bar cart, set in front of the balcony doors and decorated with tropical details, is Jennifer's favourite. "It reminds me of being somewhere hot," she says. "I wake up, sit on the comfy sofa with my cup of coffee and see the sun shining in. It makes me feel like I'm in a beach house. It's exactly what I wanted."

OPPOSITE Brass, aqua, turquoise, a hint of kelly green and a spattering of flamingo pink against the neutral white backdrop lend a refined vintage tropical vibe to the main living area of homeowner Jennifer Collins's Toronto condo.

DESIGN, Laura Collins Design, lauracollinsdesign.com; Simply White OC-117 **WALL PAINT** (throughout), Benjamin Moore; **SOFA, SIDE TABLE, RUG,** IKEA; **TABLE LAMP,** HomeSense; ikat-print **TOSS CUSHION COVERS,** IkatSuzani; zebra-print **TOSS CUSHION COVERS,** Milk & Cookies Canada.

ABOVE Framed prints of exotic beaches, a robin's egg blue task lamp and a carefully edited selection of tropical-feel *objets* add freshness to the desk.

DESK, IKEA; beach **ARTWORK,** Christian Chaize; **TASK LAMP,** aqua **VASE,** Indigo; silver **PINEAPPLE,** ikat **PLATTER,** HomeSense; gold **TEA LIGHT HOLDER** (on bar cart), Kendall & Co.

RIGHT Decorator Laura Collins (right) sits with her sister under a vintage Turner flamingo print.

ABOVE The kitchen is compact but features all the essentials, including a microwave tucked under the counter, a slender fridge and a peninsula offering enough seating to eliminate the need for a formal dining area.

STOOLS, HomeSense.

LEFT A vintage brass tray topped with pink tumblers in the kitchen links to the brass bar cart with flamingo-themed items in the living area on the opposite side of the space.

FOR SOURCES, SEE OUR WORKBOOK

1 Calypso **TRAY,** $32, Rosanna, rosannabyicm.ca.

2 Industrial **TASK LAMP** in White, $119, West Elm, westelm.com.

3 Lucette **BAR CART** in Gold, $430, Pier 1 Imports, pier1.ca.

GET THE LOOK

TROPICAL GLAM

4 Kivik **LOVESEAT** with Dansbo fabric in White, $529, IKEA, ikea.ca.

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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, BattersbyHowat Architects, battersbyhowat.com; **CONTRACTING,** Heatherbrae Builders.

TEXT LAURA MUIR

PHOTOGRAPHY JANIS NICOLAY

STYLING NICOLE SJÖSTEDT

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RIGHT, TOP The lounge area on the upper terrace is defined by a massive coffee table-cum-gas-firepit and a cozy resin wicker sectional. A concrete wall lends privacy.

SECTIONAL, Restoration Hardware; custom **FIREPIT,** Heatherbrae Builders; **LANTERN,** West Elm.

RIGHT, BOTTOM A charcoal-stained fir pergola features a glass canopy to allow for alfresco dining even on rainy days. "The detailing of the pergola is a response to the fact that the house is more traditional," says architect David Battersby.

ARCHITECTS DAVID BATTERSBY AND HEATHER HOWAT EXPERIENCED A BIT OF A DÉJÀ VU MOMENT

when they were called upon to transform the backyard of this Vancouver property about three years ago. Funnily enough, they had worked on the house almost 20 years before. "We actually renovated it right at the beginning of our careers," says David. "We had just graduated."

The previous owners had only focused on the interior, leaving the large yard undeveloped, with nothing but a big rectangular terrace and rudimentary stairs leading down to a massive lawn. "It was something the current homeowners always knew they wanted to attend to," says David.

While the exterior of the house is more traditional in style, the homeowners wanted a contemporary backyard that would accommodate both family life (they have two tween-aged children) and their love of entertaining. The large-scale project that took eight months to complete involved turning the 100-by-245-foot lot into a multi-functional retreat. Fortuitously providing areas for sitting, eating and lounging, its terraced design was in response to an odd architectural quirk of the house. "It didn't have a great relationship to the yard, because the main floor is elevated six feet above grade, which is unusual," says David. "So all this landscaping and all these terraces were really a way to gracefully bring you down to the pool elevation and connect the house back to the yard."

Simple, practical materials like wood, concrete and steel complement the space's modern design, which is enhanced by low-maintenance plantings – such as golden Japanese forest grass, 'Sutherlandii' hebe, 'Firefly' heather and Crimson Ruby Japanese barberry – that provide softness and colour. "It's not a flower garden," says David. "It's a garden that's mostly foliage, and the foliage has all been picked for colour variation. Meanwhile, trees like Japanese maple give some nice scale, but they won't get too large." →

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ABOVE Ipe decks at either end of the 20-by-60-foot concrete pool make for comfortable spots to relax. "It's much nicer to sit on a wooden deck than on concrete," says David.

Beanbag **CHAIRS,** Restoration Hardware.

RIGHT The covered outdoor kitchen, which is outfitted with a TV and barbecue, boasts a large range hood that provides proper ventilation.

Custom **DINING TABLE,** RBM Builders; **DINING CHAIRS,** Vancouver Special; **THROW,** CB2; **LANTERNS,** West Elm; **BOWL, PLATTER,** 18Karat.

BELOW A row of resin wicker loungers enhances the pool area's luxurious country club vibe.

LOUNGERS, TOSS CUSHIONS, Restoration Hardware; **PLANTERS** (used as side tables), 18Karat; **LANTERNS,** West Elm; **PLACEMATS,** CB2; glass **BOTTLE,** IKEA.

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BELOW A wooden screen allows for an intimate sitting area on the lower terrace. "Because the terraces are elevated, we installed these privacy screens so there were no overlook issues with the neighbours," says David. A 'Bloodgood' Japanese maple offers height, while plantings like golden Japanese forest grass and 'Firefly' heather offer a variation of texture and colour.

Custom **CHAIRS,** Chapel Arts; **SIDE TABLE, PLANTERS,** 18Karat; **TOSS CUSHION,** Restoration Hardware; **CARAFE, GLASS,** CB2.

Boasting a covered outdoor kitchen and dining area, a built-in hot tub, several lounge spaces (including one with a massive firepit) and a substantial pool, the backyard now serves as a true sanctuary. (A new 1,650-square-foot amenities building at the back of the property houses a Ping-Pong room, a spa-like bathroom and a three-car garage.) Says David: "We joke that when the family goes on vacation, it's nice for them to come back home because their house is often more luxurious than the places where they stay!"

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PIECE BY PIECE

A tight budget doesn't stop this young designer from creating a personality-filled pad.

TEXT JENNIFER HUGHES | **PHOTOGRAPHY** ALEX LUKEY

STYLING MORGAN LINDSAY

Interior designer and blogger Jacquelyn Clark in her chic Toronto condo.

DESIGN, Lark & Linen Interior Design, larkandlinen.com; Seattle Gray 2130-70 **WALL PAINT** (throughout), Benjamin Moore; **ARMCHAIR,** EQ3; **TOSS CUSHION FABRIC,** Designer Fabrics; **BASKET,** Serena & Lily.

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LEFT The scene-stealer in the living area is the vintage cart-turned-coffee-table picked up for a song. "We found it tucked in the back of a vintage shop, unfinished and missing a few boards," says Jacquelyn. Boyfriend Justin Gagne completely refinished it.

COFFEE TABLE, Guff; floating **SHELVES, MIRROR,** IKEA; **RUG,** RugsUSA.com; **TABLE LAMP,** Elte; **TRAY,** Indigo; spotted **TOSS CUSHION,** Caitlin Wilson Textiles; star **SCULPTURES,** KO Sticks; **FLORAL ARRANGEMENT,** Sweet Woodruff.

BELOW An arrangement of artwork and Jacquelyn's own travel photographs makes up the gallery wall in the dining area. Eames-style chairs pull up to a simple, inexpensive dining table, which sits below a sleek modern pendant light.

DINING TABLE, IKEA; **DINING CHAIRS,** Morba; **RUG,** RugsUSA.com; wooden tree **ARTWORK,** Coulson Macleod; Paris **PRINT,** Annawithlove Photography; **PENDANT LIGHT,** Lightyears; **FLORAL ARRANGEMENT,** Sweet Woodruff.

A builder-boring condo, tight budget and super-busy lifestyle might mean a very dull living space for a lot of people. But not for Jacquelyn Clark, the Lark & Linen blogger and former Style Me Pretty editor who recently launched her own interior design business. With a keen eye for decorating and a talent for transforming bland into beautiful, Jacquelyn turned the 700-square-foot rental condo she shares with boyfriend Justin Gagne in Toronto's Distillery District into a chic home full of personality.

Plenty of Craigslist finds and hand-me-downs got things started. "I spent ages searching for the right pieces," says Jacquelyn. A cabinet that belonged to her great-grandmother was painted black and now stores loads of stuff in the dining area. And her childhood desk, which sits in the stylish office nook, was also given a fresh look with a coat of black paint.

To make a statement in the office nook, where she logs a lot of hours running her own business, Jacquelyn painted the wall with bold horizontal stripes. "I would've loved some gorgeous wallpaper there, →

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RIGHT The white IKEA nightstand in the bedroom was customized with a new brass knob. Jacquelyn created the artwork above the bed with her own travel photos, which she altered in Photoshop and then had printed.

NIGHTSTAND, FRAMES, wooden **SCULPTURE,** IKEA; **TASK LAMP,** Serena & Lily; **KNOB,** Anthropologie.

BELOW Like the rest of the condo, the bedroom is a smart mix of save and splurge items. An embroidered coverlet Jacquelyn picked up in India, for example, shares space with toss cushions by Brooklyn-based textile designer Rebecca Atwood.

DUVET COVER, SHAMS, Crane & Canopy; **SHEET SET,** Serena & Lily; **RUG,** RugsUSA.com; **TOSS CUSHIONS,** Rebecca Atwood.

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but budget dictated paint instead," she says. The result has just as much graphic punch as something pricier.

Jacquelyn loves to cook and entertain, and doesn't let her small digs hold her back. "We can comfortably seat eight people in the dining area when necessary," she says – and often does. "As long as I have good friends, good food and good wine, life is great!" We couldn't agree more.

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ABOVE Painting the bump-out wall with wide horizontal stripes is a budget-friendly way to differentiate the office nook from the rest of the living area. Jacquelyn left the feet of the desk unpainted for a stylish dipped look.

Brushed Nickel P5244-62 **WALL PAINT** (dark stripes), Para Paints; **OFFICE CHAIR** (arms removed), Structube; **RUG,** Rugs-USA.com; **TASK LAMP,** IKEA; **TOSS CUSHION,** West Elm; **PEN HOLDER,** Anthropologie; **CALENDAR,** Waiting on Martha.

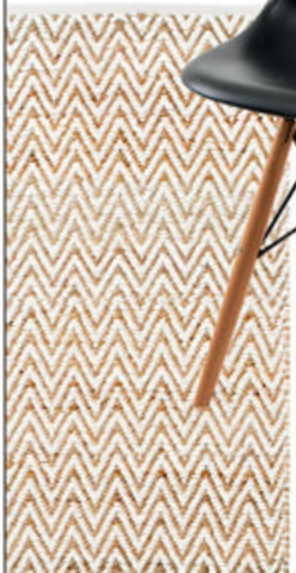
1 Flynn **TABLE LAMP,** $295 US, Serena & Lily, serenaandlily.com.

GET THE LOOK

MODERN BOHO

2 Brushstroke **TOSS CUSHION,** $139 US, Rebecca Atwood, rebeccaatwood.com.

3 KO Sticks foldable star **SCULPTURES,** from $40 US each, Design Within Reach, dwr.com.



5 Jute Chenille Herringbone **RUG,** from $64, West Elm, westelm.com.

4 Eiffel **DINING CHAIR** in Black with beech legs, $69, Structube, structube.com.

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FRESH & PRETTY

Spaces that embrace casual, barefoot summer style are on the menu now. Our houses this month feature light-hued rooms, the airiness that comes from opening your windows wide and drenches of bright sunlight (the kind that leave you drowsy on a weekend afternoon). What could be more perfect this time of year?

Pale grey leather bar stools provide comfortable seating at the kitchen island. "I love these bar stools because their soft contours suit almost any interior, and you can upholster them in leather all the way down the leg," says designer Kelly Deck. The glass chevron-patterned backsplash adds subtle interest.

DESIGN, Kelly Deck Design, kellydeck.com; Knitting Needles SW 7672 **ISLAND PAINT,** Sherwin-Williams; **COUNTERTOP,** Caesarstone Canada; **ISLAND COUNTERTOP,** Cambria; **STOOLS,** Spencer Interiors; **PENDANT LIGHTS,** Circa Lighting.

This Vancouver home is ready for its close-up, thanks to a design dream team who transformed its traditional interior into a cool, cozy and contemporary family abode.

COME INTO FASHION

TEXT RHEA SEYMOUR | **PHOTOGRAPHY** BARRY CALHOUN

"WE RETAINED WHAT WORKED AND ADDED SOME ELEMENTS TO CREATE VISUAL TENSION. I FIND THAT ALWAYS INVIGORATES A SPACE."

ABOVE With a textured wool rug and a sectional big enough for the young family of five to snuggle on, the great room is intimate and inviting. The metallic side table adds a little bling, while the artwork over the fireplace was chosen for its scale and warmth. "I love the sense of light in the piece – it feels like a porthole beside the windows," says Kelly. "There's also something really tranquil about it, an almost dreamlike quality."

SECTIONAL, Van Gogh Designs; Womb **CHAIR & OTTOMAN,** Grasshopper **FLOOR LAMP,** Design Within Reach; **COFFEE TABLE,** The Cross Decor & Design; brass **SIDE TABLE,** West Elm; **RUG,** Salari Fine Carpet Collections; *Of One's Own 11* **ARTWORK** by Virginia Mak, Bau-Xi Gallery.

LEFT The brass chandelier in the kitchen's eat-in area complements the oversized glam pendant lights above the island. A built-in banquette, a Corian-topped dining table and durable dining chairs are family-friendly options.

Custom **DINING TABLE,** Baridesigns; Eames **DINING CHAIRS,** Design Within Reach; Dual Event **ARTWORK** by Bradley Harms, Winsor Gallery; **CHANDELIER,** Jonathan Adler.

SOMETIMES WHAT STARTS OUT AS A SIMPLE ONE-ROOM RENOVATION INSPIRES A WHOLE-HOUSE MAKEOVER.

That was the case for the owners of this 4,300-square-foot four-bedroom home in the leafy Dunbar neighbourhood of Vancouver. The couple's initial plan to overhaul the leaky master bathroom kick-started a total facelift of the five-year-old abode's traditional interior. "It was looking brown and boring," says designer Kelly Deck. "One of the owners is a fashionista, and she wanted the space to reflect that, so we went with a modern-meets-glamorous aesthetic showcased in classic grey."

The original floor plan functioned well for the family of five, so the team from Kelly Deck Design, which included interior designers Lindsay Guenter and Lisa Matsuzaki, oversaw a cosmetic reno that took six months to complete. "We retained what worked and added some elements to create visual tension," says Kelly. "I find that always invigorates a space."

The first order of business: refreshing the major surfaces throughout the house. "If you want to have big impact, you have to address the floors, walls and ceilings," says Kelly. To

Layers of rich blue and shimmery grey in the furniture, drapery and accessories create a luxurious master bedroom. The chandelier was selected for its wide, shallow form to take up volume in the vaulted ceiling. The artwork above the bed is unexpected and causes visual tension.

BED FRAME, Van Gogh Designs; custom **BENCH,** Baridesigns; **NIGHTSTAND,** Once a Tree Furniture; *Abyss of the Disheartened: IV* **ARTWORK,** Heather Landis; **CHANDELIER,** Robert Abbey.

OPPOSITE The design team kept the original configuration in the master bathroom but replaced the deck-mounted bathtub with a free-standing one for a clean, contemporary look. A marble floor in a herringbone pattern is a timeless choice.

BATHTUB, Artistic Baths; **FLOOR TILES,** Olympia Tile + Stone; **BATHTUB FILLER,** Emco Corporation; **TOWEL BAR,** Bradford Decorative Hardware.

create a more contemporary feel, the oak floors – initially stained dark walnut – were sanded and refinished in light grey. The walls were painted a soft, cool grey and the home office ceiling was papered in a geometric pattern for wow factor.

The kitchen received the most dramatic update: Its white cabinets were refreshed, a new glass chevron-patterned backsplash was added and the traditional-style dark wood island was replaced with a modern grey-painted version. "The original kitchen island and Carrara marble mosaic backsplash made the space too predictable," says Kelly. "It was everything you expected to see the moment you walked in the room, and that's what the client didn't like about it."

But in decor, as in fashion, it's the accessories that complete the look. "Starting with a fairly consistent base colour palette throughout for cohesion, we injected character with window treatments, metal accents, patterned fabrics and unique light fixtures," says Kelly. "The owners wanted each space to have its own distinct indentity, and a few carefully selected pieces go a long way."

It's safe to say that the design team accomplished what they set out to achieve for this young family: a stylish home that's dressed to impress yet totally livable.

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GET THE LOOK

MODERN GLAMOUR

1 Meurice Rectangle **CHANDELIER** in Brass, $1,395 US, Jonathan Adler, jonathanadler.com.

2 Florence Knoll three-seater **BENCH** with Acqua Leather fabric in Spanish Main, $4,627 US, Design Within Reach, dwr.com.

3 Ivan Natural **RUG,** from $699, Crate and Barrel, crateandbarrel.ca.

4 Medium Decorative Gold Filled **BOWL,** $18, Indigo, indigo.ca.

5 Womb **CHAIR** with Boucle Classic fabric in Neutral, $3,871 US, and **OTTOMAN,** $1,128 US, Design Within Reach, dwr.com.

6 Martini **SIDE TABLE** in Antique Brass, $179, West Elm, westelm.com.

edgy luxe

Peridot Decorative Homewear co-owner Leah Balderson redefines "girly" with raw-edged luxury.

In the living room, the TV was recessed into a feature wall adorned with glass tiles that designer and homeowner Leah Balderson loves for their iridescent lustre. In lieu of a media unit, Leah had a display ledge installed to mimic a fireplace hearth.

DESIGN, Peridot Decorative Homewear, peridot.ca; Decorators White CC-20 **WALL PAINT** (throughout), Benjamin Moore; **CHAIR,** Emporium Home **SIDE TABLE, WALL HANGING,** flower **SCULPTURE,** gold abstract **SCULPTURE, BOX,** Peridot Decorative Homewear.

Leah loves

Shimmery Wall Treatments
+
Jewellery-like Accents
+
Industrial Finishes

TEXT SARA CATION

PHOTOGRAPHY KIM CHRISTIE

RIGHT, TOP For the living room coffee table, Leah found the teak and crackled resin blocks in New York City ("they weigh like a million pounds," she says) and had the Lucite tabletop custom made to offer surface space sans visual clutter. "It slides back and forth so people can slip through."

Custom **SOFA & COFFEE TABLE, FEATURE WALL TILES, RUG, MIRROR,** Natural Curiosities **ARTWORK, TOSS CUSHIONS,** Kelly Wearstler chest and hand **SCULPTURES,** Peridot Decorative Homewear.

RIGHT, BOTTOM "Bar carts are a great way to display beautiful things in a small place where you don't have many surfaces," says Leah.

BAR CART, sunburst **WALL SCULPTURE, CANDLESTICKS,** Lucite **ANTLERS,** Peridot Decorative Homewear.

From New York to Atlanta to (hopefully) Paris this year, Peridot Decorative Homewear co-owner Leah Balderson spends tons of time searching out unique pieces for her store. And when she's not scouting? She's designing one-of-a-kind furniture for her clients. Because if there's one thing Leah avoids at all costs, it's having the same decor as everyone around her. After all, who likes showing up at a party in the same dress as someone else?

So when Leah moved to her 800-square-foot one-bedroom condo in Vancouver's Fairview neighbourhood three years ago, she first set about customizing the bones. Though she loved its muted neutral palette and simple modern architecture, the condo was a typical new build. "To make it feel more special, I took off all the door casings, plastered the back wall of the kitchen for extra texture and tiled a feature wall in the living room, recessing the TV right in," she says.

It was also a space-saving technique. Since the condo was longer and narrower than she anticipated, recessing the TV meant she didn't lose a lot of real estate, which was important for Leah, who envisioned entertaining lots of friends and family here. "Because I'm very social, I wanted a comfortable space with

LEFT & BELOW "The woman who designed the living room's quartz-spiked side table is also a jewellery designer," says Leah. "I love her flair for bling and luxury." She chose the spiky brass chandelier (by the same designer) for her bedroom to play off the piece while matching the raw feel of the concrete bed frame.

Carl Robinson Broadway **WALLPAPER** in 08, custom concrete **BED FRAME, NIGHTSTAND, COVERLET,** Emporium Home **CHANDELIER, TABLE LAMP, THROW, LUMBAR CUSHIONS,** Peridot Decorative Homewear; **SHEET SET,** Hudson's Bay; Janaki Larsen **VASE,** Le Marché St. George.

OPPOSITE In the teeny entryway, a sleek white floor lamp, an elegant wall hanging and a rustic woven stool establish the raw-luxe look carried throughout the space.

STOOL, FLOOR LAMP, capizshell **WALL HANGING,** Peridot Decorative Homewear.

a lounge feel at the centre of my home," she says. Built-in pieces like the concrete sofa base, display ledge and bed frame also optimize the limiting layout while asserting the cutting-edge style Leah sought.

With the envelope in place, Leah appointed her customized condo with equally unexpected, organic and super-modern accents in a palette that's soft in colour and texture for a well-curated minimalist look. "In such a small space, it's essential that each item is thoughtful and well designed," she says.

Luckily, Leah sold her previous place fully furnished, so she was able to start here with a blank slate – which is how she likes to do it. "I love taking a standard space and making it special," says Leah, who is constantly inspired on her scouting missions. "That's probably why I end up moving so often!"

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GET THE LOOK

EDGY LUXE

1 Monogrammed acrylic Solid CashTouch **THROW** in Tropical Peach, $45 US, Lands' End, landsend.com.

2 Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams Ansel **ARMCHAIR** in Brass with Tibetan fur, $2,666, Elte, elte.com.

3 Iron Sojourn **SIDE TABLE** with antiqued-mirror top, $670, Barrymore Furniture, barrymorefurniture.com.

5 GlucksteinHome antiqued-brass-plated iron Trolley Styled **BAR CART,** $299, Hudson's Bay, thebay.com.

4 Pyar & Co. Palladium **LUMBAR CUSHION** in Champagne, $330, Peridot Decorative Homewear, peridot.ca.

6 Small lacquered shell Agatha **SIDE TABLE,** $795, Elte, elte.com.

elegant eclectic

When Kim Calabrigo moved from a large family home to a condo, she quickly learned that bigger isn't always better.

To maximize seating in her new condo, homeowner Kim Calabrigo had a nine-foot-long sofa designed to run the length of the living room wall.

Custom **SOFA & COFFEE TABLE,** white **BOOKSHELF,** cowhide **RUG, SCONCES,** Peridot Decorative Homewear; *Basic Intentions I* and *Basic Intentions II* **ARTWORK,** Zoë Pawlak; Schumacher Algiers Embroidery **TOSS CUSHION FABRIC,** AnneStarr; silver **TOSS CUSHIONS,** The Cross Decor & Design.

Kim loves

Sculptural Furnishings
+
Soft Pink Accents
+
Traditional Details

TEXT SARA CATION

PHOTOGRAPHY KIM CHRISTIE

RIGHT, TOP In the master bedroom's built-in office nook, sparkly silver wallpaper subtly offsets the layers of cream, white and gold on the shelves. The palette is echoed in the frameless print of an 18th-century Venetian palazzo ballroom, resulting in a vignette that's the perfect mix of new world and old.

Custom **BUILT-INS,** Mercroft Construction; Omexco On the Rocks **WALLPAPER** in RCA4699, **OFFICE CHAIR, DESK LAMP,** Peridot Decorative Homewear; *Ca' Rezzonico, Venice, Italy* **ARTWORK** by David Burdeny, Jennifer Kostuik Gallery.

RIGHT, BOTTOM Opting to put a chaise against the living room's floor-to-ceiling windows keeps sightlines open and offers Kim (pictured above) a comfy place to take in the picturesque view with her morning cup of tea.

Custom **CHAISE, FLOOR LAMP,** pink **TOSS CUSHION,** Peridot Decorative Homewear; **SIDE TABLE, LUMBAR CUSHION,** The Cross Decor & Design.

A peaceful sanctuary in the heart of a downtown core: That doesn't sound like too tall an order, does it? That's what Kim Calabrigo sought when she sold her traditional Craftsman-style home in suburbia and moved to a condo in metropolitan Vancouver. Bringing no furniture with her, she was truly starting anew.

Kim's first-ever solo home purchase offered her the opportunity to decorate exactly as she pleased. "I wanted a tone-on-tone look, mixing classic and modern elements with an edge," she says.

Coming from a big traditional 4,200-square-foot home and moving to a smaller builder-basic 1,100-square-foot two-bedroom condo, Kim found space planning challenging. She wanted to maintain the most floor space possible while maximizing seating so she could entertain friends and family as easily as she used to. To this end, she searched for large low-profile pieces that made the best of the condo's specifications. "But as I began to shop for furniture, I realized that I needed to go custom," she says. So Kim reached out to Leah Balderson of Peridot Decorative Homewear, a store that specializes in one-of-a-kind decor, to bring the furnishings she envisioned to fruition, from the ultra-long crushed velvet and linen sofa to the striking sculptural banquette.

LEFT Though the space is open, the dining area is easily delineated by its standout banquette and oversized pendant light featuring white and peach beads and a rope-wrapped frame. "At night, the diamond motif casts beautiful shadows on the walls and ceiling," says Kim.

DINING TABLE, Briers Home Furnishings; Villa Nova Imprint **WALLPAPER** in Jasmine, custom **BANQUETTE, PENDANT LIGHT,** Peridot Decorative Homewear; Schumacher bird-motif Chinois Palais **TOSS CUSHION FABRIC** in Blush Conch, AnneStarr.

OPPOSITE Femininity reigns in the master bedroom, from the tall tufted headboard and layered wrinkled linens to the mirrored nightstands and petite vase of flouncy pink peonies. Massive windows mean that Kim can watch the sun set from the comfort of bed. Does it get any better than that?

BED FRAME, Restoration Hardware; **NIGHTSTANDS, TABLE LAMPS,** Peridot Decorative Homewear; Schumacher Chinois Palais **LUMBAR CUSHION FABRIC** in Blush Conch, AnneStarr; gold lidded **CANDLE,** Mint.

Kim also ensured spaciousness by limiting visual clutter. Elements like the living room's clear Lucite coffee table and floating console lend the illusion of space, while other pieces serve double duty. "I've embraced the less-is-more aesthetic and added interest by mixing old and new, shiny and matte, smooth and textured, organic and clean lined," says Kim. "I don't depend on bold colours and patterns."

And with a wall of windows overlooking the bustling city as well as tranquil views of False Creek and the North Shore, it's no wonder. Because as pretty as her interior is, Kim is an outdoor addict: She skis, hikes and kayaks. Last fall, she fulfilled a lifelong dream of climbing Mount Kilimanjaro – just after she finished decorating in the way she's always dreamed. It was a big year. And the best is yet to come.

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GET THE LOOK

ELEGANT ECLECTIC

1 Adelaid **PENDANT LIGHT** with blue quartz beads, $2,438 US, Ro Sham Beaux, ro-sham-beaux.com.

2 Pressed Pattern **VASES,** from $49 each, West Elm, westelm.com.

3 Cotton, linen and velvet Asana **SOFA** in Cream, $3,599, Crate and Barrel, crateandbarrel.ca.

4 Cowhide Spotted Metallic **RUG** in Silver, $1,045, Peridot Decorative Homewear, peridot.ca.

5 Steven and Chris **BOWL** in Matte White, $43, Canfloyd, canfloyd.com.

6 Sanela **TOSS CUSHION COVER** in Pink, $10, IKEA, ikea.ca.

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rainbow slaw with apple cider vinaigrette

RAINBOW SLAW WITH APPLE CIDER VINAIGRETTE

PREP & COOK TIME **30 MINUTES** | SERVES **4 TO 6**

Rainbow Slaw

4 radishes, thinly sliced
2 coloured carrots, peeled and cut into fine matchsticks
1 small fennel bulb, shredded
1 Granny Smith apple, cored and thinly sliced
1 ruby beet, thinly sliced
1 golden beet, thinly sliced
¼ sweet onion, thinly sliced
¼ small red cabbage, shredded
2 tbsp chopped fresh Italian parsley
2 tbsp chopped fennel fronds

Apple Cider Vinaigrette

2 tbsp apple cider vinegar
½ tsp freshly grated orange zest
2 tbsp freshly squeezed orange juice
2 tsp grainy mustard
1 tsp honey
Pinch each: sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

Set out all the slaw ingredients except the parsley and fennel fronds on a platter in separate little piles or place in a large bowl and toss together to combine.

To make the Apple Cider Vinaigrette, whisk together the dressing ingredients. Drizzle the vinaigrette over the slaw and top with the parsley and fennel fronds. Serve immediately.

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PREP & COOK TIME **1 HOUR** | SERVES **4 TO 6**

Chili Lime Dressing

- 2 tbsp 5% sour cream
- 2 tbsp best-quality mayonnaise
- 1 tsp freshly squeezed lime juice
- ½ tsp smoked chipotle chili pepper
- Pinch each: sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

Orzo Salad

- 2 cups orzo pasta
- 1 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
- 3 cobs freshly shucked corn
- 1 zucchini, cut into ¼"-thick rounds
- 2 stalks celery, chopped
- 1 roasted red pepper, peeled and chopped
- 1 roasted yellow pepper, peeled and chopped
- 4 strips thick-cut double-smoked bacon, cooked and chopped
- ¼ cup sliced pickled jalapeños
- 1 avocado, pitted, peeled and cubed
- ½ cup chopped fresh parsley
- 2 tbsp chopped fresh chives

In a small bowl, whisk together all the ingredients for the Chili Lime Dressing. Store in the refrigerator until ready to serve.

Bring a large pot of generously salted water to a boil. Cook the orzo according to the package directions. Drain in a colander and shake to steam dry. Place the orzo in a large bowl and drizzle with the olive oil, stirring to combine. Leave to cool, stirring occasionally to prevent the pasta from sticking.

Meanwhile, heat the barbecue to medium. Place the corn cobs directly on the grill and cook, turning occasionally, until the kernels are slightly blistered, tender-crisp and bright yellow, about 6 to 8 minutes. At the same time, grill the zucchini for 2 to 3 minutes per side, until slightly charred and softened.

When the corn is cool enough to handle, cut the kernels from the cobs with a large knife and add to the orzo. Cut the zucchini slices in half and add to the pasta, along with the celery, roasted peppers, bacon and jalapeños. Add the Chili Lime Dressing and toss to mix well. Add the avocado and fresh herbs and stir gently to combine. Serve immediately.

orzo salad with chili lime dressing, corn, avocado & bacon

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TOMATO & POMEGRANATE SALAD WITH BURRATA & CRISPY CROUTONS

PREP & COOK TIME **30 MINUTES** | SERVES **4 TO 6**

Vinaigrette

2 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
1 tbsp red wine vinegar
½ tsp Dijon mustard
Pinch each: brown sugar, sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 shallot, thinly sliced

Tomato & Pomegranate Salad

2 tbsp unsalted butter
1 clove garlic, smashed
3 slices ciabatta bread, cubed
2 pints heirloom medley cherry tomatoes
2 mini cucumbers, chopped
½ cup pomegranate seeds
12 Bella di Cerignola olives, pitted and chopped
250 g burrata cheese
½ cup small fresh basil leaves

Preheat the oven to 350°F. In a small bowl, whisk together the olive oil, vinegar, mustard, brown sugar, salt and pepper. Stir in the shallot and let stand for 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, to make the croutons, melt the butter in a small skillet over medium heat. Add the garlic and swirl to infuse the butter. Cook for about 1 minute, until the garlic is sizzling; remove and discard the garlic.

Place the bread cubes on a small rimmed baking sheet. Drizzle the garlic butter over the bread, tossing to combine. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes, until the cubes are golden brown. Season lightly with salt and pepper; set aside.

Slice the tomatoes in half and toss in a large bowl with the cucumbers, pomegranate seeds and olives.

Place the burrata in a shallow serving bowl. Surround the burrata with the tomato mixture and drizzle with the vinaigrette. Garnish with the crispy croutons and fresh basil leaves. Serve immediately.

GRILLED POTATO SALAD WITH CURRIED YOGURT DRESSING

PREP & COOK TIME **1 HOUR** | SERVES **4 TO 6**

Curried Yogurt Dressing

2 tbsp Greek yogurt
2 tbsp best-quality mayonnaise
1 tbsp freshly squeezed lemon juice
1 tsp curry paste

Grilled Potato Salad

2 lbs Yukon Gold potatoes
2 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
2 tbsp freshly squeezed lemon juice
1 tsp sea salt
1 tsp turmeric
½ tsp freshly ground black pepper
½ tsp cumin
¼ cup chopped fresh cilantro
2 green onions, thinly sliced
1 tbsp Indian lime pickle or chopped capers
1 tsp black sesame seeds
2 tbsp fried onions

In a small bowl, whisk together the yogurt, mayonnaise, lemon juice and curry paste; refrigerate until ready to serve.

Place the potatoes in a large pot and cover with cold water. Bring to a boil and cook for 18 to 20 minutes, or until just tender and easily pierced with a fork. Drain, cool slightly and cut into ¼"-thick slices. Place the slices on a baking sheet. Mix together the olive oil, lemon juice, salt, turmeric, pepper and cumin and toss gently with the potatoes to coat evenly. Let the potatoes absorb the marinade for at least 15 minutes.

Heat the barbecue to medium-high. Place the potato slices directly onto the grill and cook until golden and lightly charred, about 3 to 4 minutes per side.

To serve, spread a little of the Curried Yogurt Dressing on each of four plates. Top with the warm grilled potato slices and sprinkle with the cilantro, green onions, lime pickle and black sesame seeds. Drizzle with the remaining dressing and top with the fried onions. Serve immediately.

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